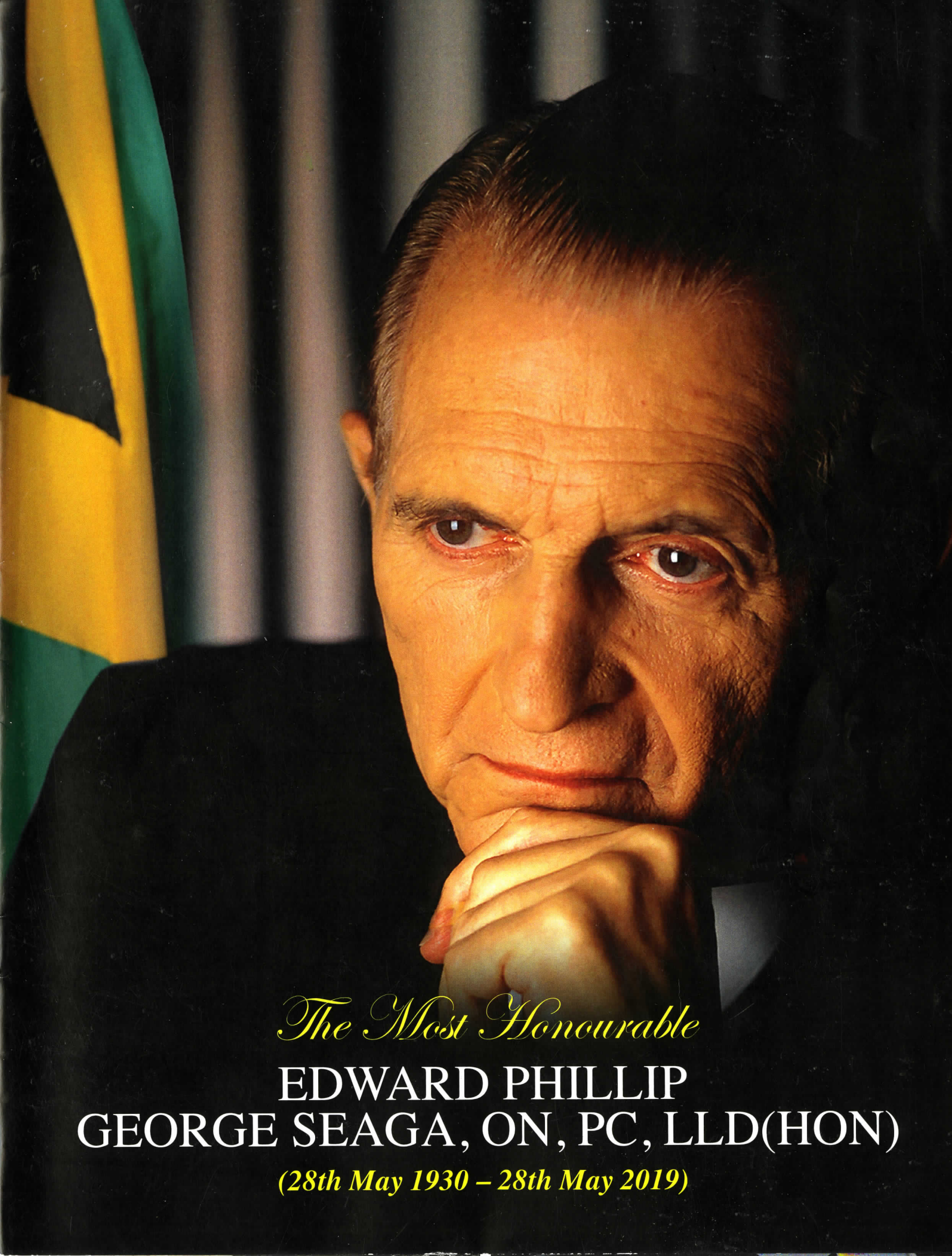

The Most Honourable

EDWARD PHILLIP GEORGE SEAGA, ON, PC, LLD(HON)

(28th May 1930 – 28th May 2019)

Tribute

By The Most Honourable Andrew Holness, ON, MP
Prime Minister of Jamaica

In 1995, I was offered a job to work with Edward Seaga in his business and to be a political aid to him. He gave me an assignment to shadow the emerging field of social investment and from time to time he would ask me to prepare speeches and do research. He spent much of his time in later years doing significant research. That research informed his advocacy role in early childhood education.

I learnt so much from him through these encounters of research and intellectual discourse and when I became leader of the Jamaica Labour Party in 2011, he called me to his home, and he recounted to me what the Right Excellent Sir Alexander Bustamante said to him when he was rising to take over leadership of the party. He said Busta held his hand and told him "Seaga don't forget the poor". He held my hands and repeated the same thing, "Andrew don't forget the poor". It was a touching but profound moment for me.

What was he saying? What did he mean? Mr Seaga and the JLP have always been caricatured as capitalists and sometimes even by our own rhetoric we reinforce the narrative. However, Mr Seaga never lost sight of the reason why he entered politics — to help the have nots join the rank of the haves. Indeed, all his work from culture to sports to education, justice, the economy, music, everything, all his work has been beneficial to the poor.

In 2001, at the party conference he would give the definitive mission statement of the JLP. He said "We set out not to destroy wealth but to create it; not to pull down the strong who succeed but to pull up the weak who are trying; not to accept ignorance as a way of life but to abolish it; not to tolerate injustice to man but every man must have equal rights and justice". I believe this to be the summation of his life's work and a charge to the party, to the government and to the people of Jamaica.

Today, we pay tribute to a great leader, a conscious leader, a statesman, a visionary and a thinker, a man of dignity, order and excellence, indefatigable spirit, a man with the courage of his convictions, a modern man, an architect, a teacher, a father, a mentor, a friend, a man for all seasons, a man for all peoples.

We lay you to rest Papa Eddie but what you stood for lives on. It lives on in the institutions you have created and the people you have tutored and mentored. Our greatest tribute to you and your work and your life is to continue the struggle to create wealth, to pull up the weak, to spread knowledge and justice and continue prosperity for all.

Rest well Papa Eddie. May light eternal shine on you.

Service of Thanksgiving

To Honour and Celebrate

the life of

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at PRAISE CATHEDRAL WORSHIP CENTRE
6785 Millcreek Dr, Mississauga, ON, L5N 5M4

on Sunday, 25th August 2019
at 4:00pm

Officiating Minister:
Bishop Lennox Walker
(Host & Administrative Bishop, Church of God in Ontario)

Order of Service

Procession	**Amazing Grace**
National Anthem of Jamaica	Rev. Kenton Tracey
National Anthem of Canada	Angene Reid
Welcome and Opening Remarks	**Bishop Lennox Walker**
Opening Hymn	To God be the Glory *Rev. Kenton Tracey*
Opening Prayer	Bishop Ransford Jones *Destiny Church of God*
First Scripture	Reading Isaiah 61:1-4 Her Excellency Janice Miller *High Commissioner of Jamaica to Canada*

Tributes:

1. Mr. Howard Shearer - *Son of Former Prime Minister the late Most Honourable Hugh Shearer*
2. Adaoma Patterson - *President, Jamaican Canadian Association*
3. Diana Burke - *President, P.A.C.E Canada*

Video Presentation
Life of The Most Honourable Edward P.G. Seaga ON, PC, LLD (Hon)

Second Scripture Reading:	**Revelation 21: 1-7** Rev. Desmond McKenzie (Faith Sanctuary)
Musical Selection	**Melissa Coke** *(Mel C)*
Third Scripture Reading:	**Luke 10: 25-37** Bishop Wayne Vernon *(West Toronto Church of God)*
Dialect	**Letna Allen-Rowe**

Video Presentation
Highlights from Funeral Service in Jamaica

Offertory Hymn:	**When They Ring Those Golden Bells** Rev. Kenton Tracy *(Part Proceeds for Jamaica National Children's Home)*
Tribute in Dance	**La Riatsila**
Introduction of Minister	**Lloyd Wilks,** *Consul General of Jamaica*
Tribute	**The Honourable Olivia Grange, CD, MP** *Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport*
Musical Selection	**The Heritage Singers**
Charge	Bishop Lennox Walker
Vote of Thanks	Letna Allen-Rowe
Recessional Hymn	**The Battle Hymn of the Republic**

NATIONAL ANTHEM OF CANADA

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts, we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

NATIONAL ANTHEM OF JAMAICA

Eternal Father, Bless our Land,
Guard us with thy mighty hand,
Keep us free from evil powers,
Be our light through countless hours,
To our leaders, great defender,
Grant true wisdom from above,
Justice, truth be ours forever,
Jamaica, land we love,
Jamaica, Jamaica, Jamaica, land we love

Teach us true respect for all,
Stir response to duty's call,
Strengthen us the weak to cherish,
Give us vision lest we perish,
Knowledge send us Heavenly Father,
Grant true wisdom from above,
Justice, truth be ours forever,
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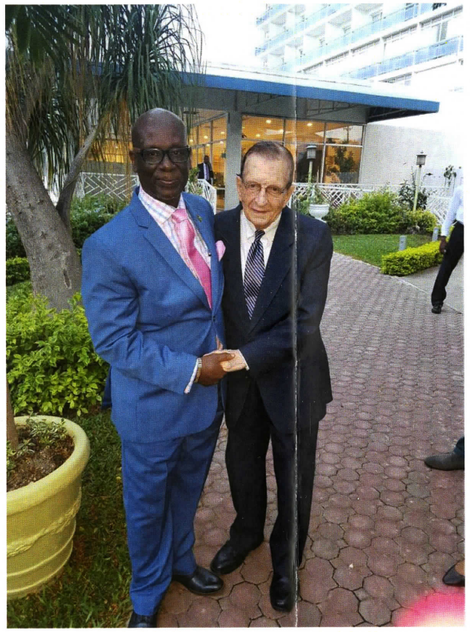

Dear Consul General Wilks,

We are pleased to know that our father is being remembered in Canada as the country holds a special place in our family's history. My brother Chris and I spent some years going to boarding school there and dad would visit us on occasion and participate in school activities. we are deeply appreciative of this gesture, unfortunately we are unable to attend. Please pass our gratitude and also our regrets on to the planning committee, particularly Mrs. Letna Allen-Rowe. This service means a lot to us and we will be there in thought as we too, continue to give thanks for his incredible life.

Sincerely,
Anabella, Christopher and Andrew Seaga

CLOSING PRAYER
And Benediction

THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:
His day is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
He is Wisdom to the mighty; He is Succor to the brave,
So the world shall be His footstool, and the soul of Time His slave,
Our God is marching on.

Special thanks to the Committee for
organizing this Memorial Service.
Our appreciation to the many Jamaicans in
Canada and friends of Jamaica who have
given their support, expressed their best
wishes and have shown their respect
for our Former Prime Minister,
the late Most Honourable Edward Seaga.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1 To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

oRefrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

2 Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
3 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above;
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

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